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Agenda Item No. 13

Agenda Item: Idaho Fish and Game/Idaho Outfitter and Guides Licensing Board MOU

Approved by: ____

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Background:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission (IFGC) and Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) are statutorily responsible for preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and managing the state's wildlife to provide continued supplies for hunting, fishing, and trapping. The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB) is statutorily responsible for regulating and licensing commercial outfitter activities within the state. Because of the mutual interest in maintaining healthy fish and wildlife resources, and providing recreational opportunity, it is important that IFGC, IDFG, and IOGLB maintain an effective coordinated and collaborative approach to the management of fish and wildlife resources and commercial outfitters. Currently there is no established framework guiding coordination among the 3 entities.

IDFG staff and members of the IOGLB have developed a proposed MOU (attached) to provide procedures and guidance for coordination and cooperation between IDFG and IOGLB. The draft has been reviewed by and received tentative approval of the IOGLB.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

The MOU doesn't represent statute or administrative rule, nor does it limit existing IDFG or IOGLB obligations or authorities. Furthermore, the MOU does not commit the transfer of funds, services, or property between the parties. The MOU does provide existing IDFC and IOGLB management policies.

Public Involvement Process:

The MOU by itself does not represent rule making, nor initiate actions with direct influence on Idaho citizens. All actions taken subsequent to implementation of the MOU will go through existing public involvement processes conducted by the respective parties. The MOU has not been scoped with the general public.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Commission approval of the MOU.

Justification:

Coordination and collaboration between IDFG and IOGLB can be improved by entering into a mutually agreed upon process.